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BAN ON MINING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL VIEW
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the area in the country where mining has been banned, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken for effective implementation of the Act in this regard for environmental view point?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Mining within 2 km of Surajkund and Badkhal Lakes (tourist complexes) in Haryana has been banned in compliance with the Supreme Court orders in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985. A permanent check post manned by the officials of Mines, Sales Tax and Police Departments of the Government of Haryana has been set up near the outer periphery of the prohibited area to ensure that no illegal mining takes place.

Restriction on mining operations in ecologically sensitive regions such as the Doon Valley (Uttranchal), Dahanu and Murud-Janjira (Maharashtra), and Coastal Regulation Zones has been imposed. Mining projects of major minerals with lease area of more than 5 ha. require prior clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification of 1994.